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**SACRAMENTO MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO TRANSMITTING  
CHILD PORNOGRAPHY OVER THE INTERNET**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that JOHN ALAN BREECE, 56, of Sacramento, pleaded guilty today to shipping visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct by computer. BREECE entered his guilty plea this morning before United States District Judge Frank C. Damrell, Jr.

This case is the product of an extensive investigation by the Harrisburg (PA) and San Francisco Field Offices of the United States Postal Inspection Service.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Camil A. Skipper, who is prosecuting the case, BREECE admitted that he responded to an Internet posting advertising videotapes containing minor boys engaged in sexually explicit conduct. The posting was placed by a postal inspector as part of an undercover Internet operation. On August 26, 2003, BREECE responded to the posting with an E-mail detailing his interest in child pornography. To that E-mail BREECE attached ten image files depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Following additional communications with the undercover postal inspector, BREECE purchased four videotapes which the postal inspector described as containing depictions of minors engaged in various sexual conduct. Minutes after delivering the videotapes, postal inspectors conducted a search of BREECE's residence, and seized his computer and various digital storage media. A forensic examination of BREECE's computer hard drive, and other storage media revealed the presence of approximately 9000 files depicting minors, including infants, involved in sexually explicit conduct, including sadomasochistic activities and bestiality.

BREECE faces five to twenty years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000, and a \$100 statutory assessment. He will face up to a life term of supervised release following his prison sentence.

The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Damrell on July 26, 2004 .

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